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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE - WRAPUP OF JUNE 21 EVENTS

DURING WHICH ARGENTINA UNLEASHES TIRADE

1. IN MORNING SESSION, UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON RULES OF PROCEDURE PRODUCED BY PREPCOM REACHED WITHOUT DISCUSSION SAVE FOR ARTICLE 42 OF CHAPTER EIGHT DEALING WITH MAJORITY VOTE. GUATEMALA REQUESTED FORMAL VOTE INDICATING ITS PREFERENCE FOR TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY. FOLLOWING SOMEWHAT CONTENTIOUS ONE- HOUR DEBATE, SIMPLE MAJORITY WAS APPROVED WITH FOURTEEN AFFIRMATIVE AND NINE ABSTENTIONS. U. S. DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEDURAL DEBATE AND ABSTAINED WITHOUT COMMENTING.

2. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS CHOSEN HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BY ACCLAMATION. CONFERENCE ALSO APPROVED SPECIAL REQUEST OF ARGENTINES FOR THEIR CHIEF OF DELEGATION (SUBSECRETARY VAZQUEZ) TO PRESENT VIEWS OF THEIR NEW GOVERNMENT IN A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION.

3. DELEGATION PRINCIPALS CALLED ON PRESIDENT VELASCO AT 12:30 PM FOR CORDIAL COURTESY CALL. VELASCO RECEIVED
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VISITORS STANDING BY HIS DESK WHICH HE LEANED ON BUT ALSO MOVED AROUND A LITTLE. ONLY NOTEWORTHY REMARK CAME WHEN VELASCO MADE SOMETHING OF A SLIP IN DESCRIBING THE NEED FOR HEMISPHERIC UNITY AND SEEMED, AT FIRST, NOT TO HAVE INCLUDED UNITED STATES. HE CAUGHT HIS ERROR QUICKLY, WAS EMBARRASSED BY IT AND RECTIFIED IT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. NET EFFECT WAS BETTER THAN HAD VELASCO NOT MADE SLIP IN FIRST PLACE AS HE STRONGLY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR COMMUNITY AMONG ALL THE AMERICAS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

4. PERU' S GARCIA BEDOYA WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY IN REACHING CONSENSUS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE ELECTED AS FIRST AND SECOND VICE- PRESIDENTS AMBASSADOR MACIEL OF BRAZIL AND VICE MINISTER SALAZAR NAVARRETE OF COSTA RICA, RESPECTIVELY. ALL WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

5. AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF ARGENTINE DELEGATION, FIRST PLENARY SESSION WAS HASTILY SCHEDULED EARLY THIS EVENING TO HEAR STATEMENT BY JUST ARRIVED FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY VAZQUEZ OF NEW GOVERNMENT' S BASIC ATTITUDES TOWARD INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM. VAZQUEZ' 45- MINUTE HARANGUE WAS IN WORST PERONIST TRADITIONS AND REVEALED THOSE ATTITUDES TO BE FLATLY NEGATIVE: AS LONG AS OAS CONTINUES TO BE DOMINATED BY UNITED STATES AND SERVES AS ITS INSTRUMENT FOR MAINTAINING LATIN AMERICAN DEPENDENCY, SYSTEM WILL BE USELESS FROM ARGENTINE VIEWPOINT. CHARGES OF U. S. CONTROL AND EXPLOITATION OF SYSTEM WERE STRONGEST THIS DELEGATION HAS HEARD IN ANY RECENT OAS FORUM, AND REACTION BY OTHER DELEGATES WAS SHARPLY DIVIDED. VAZQUEZ STRONGLY AND EXPLICITLY CRITICIZED U. S. AND POLICY OF " MATURE PARTNERSHIP." HE RAISED, IN NEGATIVE FASHION, PROBLEM OF CUBA , CANAL ZONE, ITT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE, U. S. " ECONOMIC AGGRESSION," MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, GUANTANAMO AND OTHERS. HE STOPPED JUST SHORT OF CALLING FOR U. S. WITHDRAWAL FROM OAS. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS IMPACT ON COURSE OF COMMITTEE WORK HERE (PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS ALMOST DEVOID OF CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS), WE SUSPECT ITS SIGNIFICANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS AN ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO U. S. OVERTURES TOWARD CAMPORA GOVERNMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO IGNORE. SUMMARY OF TEXT WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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